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Please see the attached Situational Update for September 25, 2017.



Hurricane Harvey 2017  
9/25/2017 – 0700 CDT Update

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- On September 22, 2017, EPA announced that it will extend enforcement discretion for petroleum distribution facilities, gasoline storage facilities and bulk fuel terminals in Texas that have been impacted or damaged by Hurricane Harvey until September 29, 2017.
- From September 22 – 24, 2017, several staff members from Unified Command demobilized from the Corpus Christi Incident Command Post, along with field staff from the Corpus Christi, Beaumont, and Houston Branches, as EPA transitions remaining orphan container recovery activities to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Regional offices.
- The Houston Branch continues to stage, characterize, and consolidate orphan containers from the Corpus Christi, Houston and Beaumont Branches for proper disposal. The Houston Branch completed waste characterization on September 23, 2017. Disposal is projected to be completed within 21 days.
- EPA Teams from the Beaumont Branch continued monitoring the LD Construction Co. Oil Spill in Lumberton, Texas. The Responsible Party had a 23-man crew on site conducting cleanup of the two most oil-impacted properties. Operations included removal of oil contaminated soil and vegetation and decontamination of personal property (boats, trailers, ATVs, etc). Further assessments to the east identified four additional properties with oil contamination. Assessments and removal will continue during the week of September 25, 2017.
- EPA Teams from the Beaumont Branch completed the Port Arthur RV Resort Oil Spill at 5:00 pm on September 24, 2017. Response operations consisted of excavating the leaking pipeline and cutting and capping the line. Once the source was stopped, activities focused on the removal of oil contaminated soil, water, and vegetation. One roll-off box containing waste remains on site, and pickup is scheduled for Monday September 25, 2017.
- DoD completed all assigned aerial spray missions during the evening hours of September 21, 2017. Federal operations were completed in Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Jefferson, Liberty, Montgomery, and Orange counties. All remaining spray operations will be under TX DSHS responsibility through their contracted services with Vector Disease Control International (VDCI).

- On September 21, 2017, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a new EPA ESF-10 Mission Assignment (4332-DR-TX-EPA-04). This Mission Assignment includes the state cost share of 10% for response activities and adds an additional \$3.3 million to continue field operations at the request of the State of Texas. This brings the total funding for assessment and response to \$15.49 million.
- The Potentially Responsible Parties have completed all cap repairs except for the deep scout next to the east side of the cap. Currently, the RPs are working to develop the repair plan for this area.

## COMMUNITY LIAISONS

Community Liaison teams continue to provide information regarding returning to flooded areas and handling of house-hold waste in the counties of San Patricio, Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Wharton, Hardin, Aransas, Chambers, Sabine, Newton, Nueces, Fort Bend, Jefferson and Jasper. The plan is for these teams to continue activities until October 23, 2017. The teams are listening to concerns from the community, associated with the recovery effort, and transferring this information back to County officials and, as appropriate, to ESF contacts in the Joint Field Office (JFO).

## DEBRIS OBSERVATIONS

Joint EPA and TCEQ field observation teams continue to observe debris staging and landfill operations within Harris, Brazoria and Fort Bend in Texas to ensure best practices and program requirements are being met. EPA observers visited 9 sites with TCEQ, on September 22, 2017. FEMA reported that 161 debris sites have been approved. Currently, FEMA estimates debris to total 17.7 million cubic yards. A federal Debris Management Taskforce, of which EPA is a member, has been established at the Joint Field Office (JFO) in Austin.

## ORPHAN CONTAINER & WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS

Items/Materials Processed for Disposal as of 9/24/17						
	Drums [55gal]	Small Containers [< 55gal]	Large Containers [> 55gal]	Cylinders	Solid Waste/Roll Off Box	Total Scrap Metal Recycled (lbs)
Total received at all Staging Pads	427	397	43	120	4	5,000

<b>Processed for Disposal</b>						
Total processed for disposal	279	392	28	71	3	
Remaining to be Processed for Disposal	148	5	15	49	1	
<b>Percent Remaining</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>25%</b>	

## FUNDING

September 24, 2017, UPDATED 1300 hours									
Funding Sources	Funding Ceiling	Funding Ceiling Less Indirect	Obligated to Date	Estimated Spent to Date	Unobligated Dollars Remaining	Estimated Unspent Dollars Remaining	Daily Burn Rate	Days Remaining	
Non Mission Assignment	N/A			\$64,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-01	\$275,000.00	\$242,741.00	\$75,032.00	\$75,032.00	\$167,709.00	\$167,709.00	\$2,032.00	82.53	
MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-04	\$3,301,270.60	\$2,914,000.00	\$1,923,909.00	\$462,286.96	\$990,091.00	\$2,451,713.04	\$148,726.72	See Below	
Totals:	\$3,576,270.60	\$3,156,741.00	\$1,998,941.00	\$601,518.96	\$1,157,800.00	\$2,555,222.04			
<b>Days remaining based on authorized direct ceiling minus total payroll, travel, and contracts EXPENDED</b>								<b>16.48</b>	
<b>Days Remaining based on authorized ceiling minus total payroll, travel, and contract OBLIGATIONS</b>								<b>7.78</b>	
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MA 4332DR-TX-EPA-03 (Expired)	\$12,192,000.00	\$10,761,763.00	\$7,619,781.41	\$6,456,966.96	\$3,141,981.59	\$4,304,796.04	Expired	Expired	